WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) today met with 5th Congressional District students Moriah E. Morgan and Cassie Wilson to recognize their unique and significant achievements. Morgan won the Congressional Arts Competition and Wilson is Hoyer's nominee for the 2006 Summer Congressional Page Program.

"I am very proud of Moriah and Cassie, both of whom are outstanding and talented individuals," Hoyer said. "We are fortunate to have such promising young leaders in the 5th Congressional District."

Morgan's winning entry, "Amish Horse and Buggy," was done in colored pencil. "Moriah is an extremely gifted artist and she produced an exceptional entry this year," Hoyer said. "Her artwork was one of many strong submissions, as 10 talented young artists from all five counties in our district entered the competition."

Morgan, who just completed her sophomore year at Churchville Christian School, met with Hoyer at the U.S. Capitol and participated in events recognizing competition winners from across the country. She resides in Hollywood and was joined on Capitol Hill by her mother, Kaylene.

The winning entries from each Member's district-wide contests will be on display in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

Hoyer also met with Cassie Wilson, his appointment to the Summer 2006 Congressional Page Program. "I selected Cassie from this highly competitive applicant pool because of her outstanding academic and personal accomplishments," Hoyer said. "Besides being an Honor Roll student and a member of the National Honor Society, Cassie serves as the captain of her school's Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC), an excellent way to gain leadership skills."

Wilson resides in White Plains and just completed her junior year at Maurice J. McDonough High School in Pomfret.

The Congressional Page Program has been in existence for over 200 years. Participants are high school juniors that travel from across the country to live, work, and study in Washington D.C. Pages live in a residence hall on Capitol Hill, attend classes at the House Page School, and perform vital duties within the U.S. House of Representatives.

"This program is a wonderful way for high school students to get an inside look at the way Congress functions," Hoyer said. "In addition, the work that House Pages perform truly makes a difference to Members of Congress and we all appreciate their hard work."

For more information on the Congressional Arts Competition, please call Congressman Hoyer's Waldorf District Office—301-843-1577. To learn more about the Page Program, please call Congressman Hoyer's Washington D.C. office—202-225-4131.

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